

The amendment after final filed on 1-24-08 has not been entered.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Duane M. Byers on 2-1-08.

4. (Currently amended) The rotary drum filter according to claim 1, wherein the seal clip is a J shape; or an elongated J shape or a reverse L shape or an elongated reverse L ~~other~~ shape that securely anchors the seal member.

24. (Currently amended) The rotary drum filter according to claim 21, wherein the seal clip is a J shape; or an elongated J shape; or a reverse L shape; or an elongated reverse L shape; ~~or other shape~~ that securely anchors the seal member.

58. (Currently amended) The rotary drum filter according to claim 55, wherein the seal clip is a J shape; or an elongated J shape; or a reverse L shape; or an elongated reverse L shape; ~~or other shape~~ that securely anchors the seal member.

On line 5 of paragraph 44, -- or reverse "L" -- has been inserted after ""J"".

On line 4 of paragraph 48, -- elongated reverse "L" -- has been inserted after "J".

The title has been changed to -- HIGH CAPACITY AND HIGH EFFICIENCY  
FILTER DECK ASSEMBLY --.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Luthi et al '364 taken in combination with Luthi '499 is considered the closest prior art, however, the references fail to teach or fairly suggest the instantly claimed combinations of:

at least one of the seal clip and the seal member is partially disposed under the leading edge of the corrugated sheet as recited in instant claims 1 and 9;

a seal clip disposed under and in front of a leading edge of each corrugated sheet and a seal member disposed under and/or in front of the leading edge of the corrugated sheet and held in place by the seal clip as recited in instant claims 21, 30, 55, and 63.

There is no suggestion to modify Luthi et al '364 to include the mounting clip 70 that extends under the corrugated sheets as disclosed by Luthi '499 since Luthi et al '364 provide mounting shoulders on a grid element whereas Luthi '499 relies upon the clip to support the corrugated sheets.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew O. Savage whose telephone number is (571) 272-1146. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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